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A flurry of comments from Austria classifies the charges as mere propaganda. Two Viennese newspapers and Radio Graz denounce Professor Brandweiner, the Austrian chairman of the IADL Commission which "investigated" the charges, for participating in such a propaganda trick and for distorting the facts. DAS KLEINE VOLKSBLATT, (People's Party) claims that "there is only one thing true about alleged U.S. germ warfare--the epidemics" themselves, while DIE PRESSE (independent) speaks of the "primitive nature of 'Communist germ propaganda.'"

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Calls for Investigation: The Paris LE MONDE, the HINDUSTAN STANDARD, and a spokesman of the Indonesian Government call for investigation of the charges. LE MONDE sees Communist acceptance of an investigation as proof of sincerity, and the HINDUSTAN STANDARD believes that the seriousness of the charges makes immediate investigation imperative. It nominates the Red Cross for this task, while Jakarta quotes a Government spokesman as calling for investigation either by an international group or by representatives of neutral nations, should the Communists reject international investigation.

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